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SUBJECT: REPORT OF US MILITARY INTERVENTION IN MIDEAST FIGHTING

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1. FOLLOWING IS EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF TEXT OF ARTICLE IN ARABIC POLITICAL DAILY AL-RAI AL-AAM OF OCT 22, UNDER HEADLINE: AMERICAN GENERAL TO HIS SOLDIERS: BE PREPARED TO BE SENT TO ISRAEL. THIS STORY IS PROBABLE SOURCE OF NEWS BROADCAST MENTIONED REF A.

2. "SCHWEINFURT, 21, AFP, REUTER, AP -- GENERAL LATHAM, COMMANDER OF AMERICAN GARRISON IN SCHWEINFURT, BAVARIA, TALKED ABOUT POSSIBILITY SENDING AMERICAN FORCES TO ISRAEL IN A SPEECH HE DELIVERED BEFORE 5000 OF HIS TROOPS AFTER THEY HAD TAKEN PART IN MANEUVERS NAMED 'REFORGER' IN FEDERAL GERMANY. HE ADDED THAT IF HIS TROOPS HAPPEN TO GO TO ISRAEL THEY WOULD BE ABLE MOTICE THERE THAT BATTLES ARE HARDLY FIERCER THAN REFORGERS MANEUVERS. SOME SOURCE (SIC) SAID THAT A GREAT QUANTITY OF EQUIPMENT

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INCLUDING ANTI-AIRCRAFT MISSILES HAD RECENTLY BEEN SHIPPED FROM

AMERICAN GARRISON IN SCHWEINFURT, AFTER EQUIPMENT HAD BEEN PAINTED
IN SAND-YELLOWISH COLOR AND SENT TO UNKNOWN DESTINATION. OBSERVERS
SAY THAT AMERICAN GENERAL'S DECLARATION IS CONSIDERED AS PSYCHO-
LOGICAL PREPARATION FOR AMERICAN FORCES ARRIVAL IN ISRAEL AND
THEIR ACTUAL PARTICIPATION IN FIGHT AGAINST ARABS. IT IS ALSO CON-
SIDERED AS A BEGINNING FOR SENDING OTHER AMERICAN FORCES."
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